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Labor and Public Employees Committee
In Support of S.B. 352

My name is Sonya Thompson, I am writing in support of S.B. 352 and I am a licensed family daycare provider. I have been in business for 23 months. I operate a structured and teaching environment. This gives my children a chance to learn and grow. My goal in this business is to prepare my children for kindergarten. I love my job and get a sense of great accomplishment watching my children grow.

I have a classroom setting for my children and take pride in teaching cognitive skills, fine motor skills and manipulative skills.

June 2011, my first child graduated and moved on to kindergarten. His teacher as well as his mother was impressed at the level of knowledge that he had acquired at my daycare.

There are a few disappointments or drawbacks that I have discovered in this business:

1. Daycare providers are perceived as babysitters.
2. Care 4 Kids should establish a computer base system to centralize their work.
3. Care 4 Kids pay scale should increase.
4. Family Daycare providers should receive funding and other state aid as Daycare Centers do.

Another goal of mine is to continue researching for improvements for my daycare. Please support S.B. 352 so that we can make changes through collective bargaining.

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